

L. A. HOPE



What is the Project?

L. A. HOPE (Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event) is a survey sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. We are asking women who have suffered a fetal or infant loss to answer questions about their life before, during, and after the affected pregnancy.

Why is the Project Being Done?

Sadly, there are many unexplained infant and fetal deaths in Los Angeles County. The goal of the L. A. HOPE Project is to identify causes of these deaths. We hope to explore the range of grief support services offered to families following a loss. We aim to learn what is important to make mothers and babies healthier and to improve grief and bereavement services. L. A. HOPE will provide us with a clearer understanding of mother's pregnancy experiences when fetal loss or infant death occurs.

Frequently Asked Questions



Will women's answers be kept private?

Yes—all answers are kept completely private to the extent permitted by law. We will not ask women for their names, the name of their doctors, or the names of their hospitals.

Is the survey available in multiple languages?

Written copies of the survey are available in English and Spanish. Interviews in other languages can be taken over the telephone.

How do we thank women for participating?

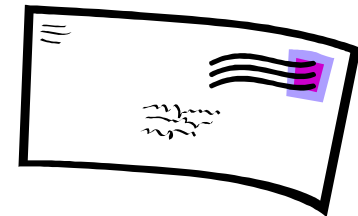
As our way of saying thank you and expressing our sympathy, women that are sent the survey also receive a gift card from a local grocery store.

What if families need help, have questions, or need grief and bereavement resources?

Families may call us at (213) 639-6457.

Current Actions

The L. A. Hope Project is now in its pilot phase. We will mail surveys to women in Service Planning Area 1 (Antelope Valley) and Service Planning Area 6 (South Los Angeles). By targeting these regions, we will reach those areas in Los Angeles County with the highest rates of fetal and infant loss.



Next Steps

One of our main goals is to find possible gaps in services, which may be open to community or governmental action. We will present the results to local officials and community groups to guide program planning and policy development.

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**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR
PATIENTS AND CLIENTS TO FILL
OUT THE L. A. HOPE SURVEY IF
THEY RECEIVE IT**

**The survey will give us valuable
information to help improve the health
of mothers and babies.**

We encourage you to share this brochure with
health care providers and others who are
interested in supporting this survey.

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